

Sunday, 7 Apr 74
New York Times

NIXON EXTENDING HIS STAY IN PARIS; MEETS 4 LEADERS

Confers on U.S.-European
Issues After Attending
Rites for Pompidou

SEES PODGORNÝ TODAY

Talks Are Held With Wilson,
Brandt, Poher of France
and Danish Premier

By JOHN HERBERS

Special to The New York Times

PARIS, April 6 — President Nixon conferred here today with four European leaders, reportedly on recent difficulties between the United States and Western Europe.

After attending memorial services this morning for the late President Georges Pompidou, Mr. Nixon, who extended his weekend visit here until tomorrow, conferred successively with Alain Poher, the interim President of France, Prime Minister Wilson of Britain, Chancellor Willy Brandt of West Germany and Premier Poul Hartling of Denmark.

He scheduled meetings for tomorrow with President Nikolai V. Podgorný of the Soviet Union and Premier Kakuei Tanaka of Japan. Mr. Nixon plans to return to Washington in the afternoon.

Talks to Be General

Ronald L. Ziegler, Mr. Nixon's press secretary, said the meetings would be general discussions of bilateral relations, world trends and the recent difficulties between the United States and Western Europe.

"The President gets to Europe only occasionally," Mr. Ziegler said, "and it gives him a chance to sit down and talk to other leaders. It is an appropriate opportunity to sit down and talk."

Except for his visit to Iceland for a conference with Mr. Pompidou last May, Mr. Nixon has not been abroad since the Watergate scandals broke around his Administration a year ago. While the President has defended himself against the charges, Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger has increasingly assumed the burden of foreign policy.

Mr. Nixon, who has been actively campaigning at home to continue his term in office, has said he would reassert his own leadership role in world affairs and plans to make a trip to the Soviet Union in the summer, whether or not he is under impeachment charges by the House of Representatives.

Kissinger Is in Mexico

The memorial service for Mr. Pompidou, attended by heads of state around the world, was an opportunity for him to talk policy with some of them. Mr. Kissinger remained on his honeymoon in Mexico and the President was accompanied by a skeleton staff of foreign policy advisers.

Between meetings with the world leader, Mr. Nixon took his campaign to the streets of Paris, mingling with crowds that gathered outside the residence of the American Ambassador, John N. Irwin 2d, where

the President and his party were lodged.

The private conferences were believed to have been planned before Mr. Nixon left Washington yesterday, but he evidently did not want to distract from the memorial service for Mr. Pompidou and it was not announced until after the service that Mr. Nixon would stay one day longer and hold the meetings.

Mr. Ziegler said "matters of importance" were to be brought up by the President in the discussions, but much of the long busy day for the President was ceremony and small talk.

Pays Visit to Elysée

After leaving Notre Dame Cathedral, where he had sat in the front row amid other world leaders for the one-hour service, Mr. Nixon returned to the embassy residence and changed his dark gray morning coat for his usual blue business suit with an American flag on the lapel.

It was a pleasant misty Saturday afternoon and the people of Paris were out in great numbers strolling under the newly-leaved trees. Mr. Nixon abandoned his limousine and, accompanied by Lieut. Gen. Vernon Walters, walked the three blocks from the residence to Elysée Palace for his meeting with Mr. Poher.

A crowd of several hundred person assembled along Rue du Faubourg-Saint-Honoré seemed surprised but friendly when the President appeared in their midst. A group in the Pompadour Restaurant came out and cheered.

A young Frenchman who also

wore an American flag on his lapel came up to Mr. Nixon and said, "God bless you, Mr. President." Mr. Nixon replied, "well, God bless you," despite the greetings, the President appeared tense, and, after having met for 40 minutes with Mr. Poher, he rode back to the residence in the limousine, which had been flown here on his air force jet.

Confers With Italian

Greeting President Leone of Italy in the second-floor library of the residence, Mr. Nixon reminisced about his 1970 visit to Rome, when he stayed at the Quirinale Palace, which formally belongs to the Pope.

"When I slept in the bedroom of the Pope," he said, "I thought I should become Catholic." There was laughter from the small group present and Mr. Leone said, "We are all closer now."

"Except for divorce laws," Mr. Nixon replied.

After less than one hour with Mr. Leone, Mr. Nixon met with Prime Minister Wilson, who stayed a little more than an hour. Afterwards, Mr. Ziegler announced that "detailed and intensive discussions covering a broad range of subjects were discussed." He said they included the situation in the Middle East and Mr. Nixon's "upcoming" visit to Moscow.

Walks Wilson to Embassy

Mr. Nixon and Mr. Wilson then emerged from the residence and the President escorted the Prime Minister out into the Rue du Faubourg-Saint-Honoré and walked with him some 200 yards to the British Embassy. The two were in animated conversation. A crowd of several hundred was prevented from getting close by a solid ring of police.

Mr. Nixon said farewell to Mr. Wilson at the entrance to the British Embassy residence and returned to the American residence.

"Do you like your job?" he asked a line of policemen. Suddenly he turned sharp right and plunged through the police line, across the street and began shaking hands with some in the crowd. After a few minutes he returned to the residence.

A little later, Mr. Nixon left the residence and attended a reception at the Quai d'Orsay, the Foreign Ministry, for the visiting world leaders. After more than an hour he returned to the residence for the meetings with Mr. Brandt and Mr. Hartling.

Mr. Ziegler promised there would be more information later on the substance of all the talks.

MOR/CDF